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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, as extended, Applicants respectfully request entrance of the attached Amendment.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 12-15, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite the following claims:

1. (Amended Once) An apparatus for coating a substrate having a complex outer surface by means of a chemical gas phase separation process, the apparatus comprising:
an arrangement of filaments constructed and arranged to at least partially surround and conform to the outer surface of the complex substrate, wherein the distance between the filaments and the outer surface of the substrate remains substantially the same.